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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, EIC

SUBJECT : Annual Report of the Subcommittee on Chemicals
for Fiscal Year 1964

1. Activities of the Subcommittee During FY'64

The EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals did not convene any formal meetings during FY 1964.

Some exchanges of information between individual members did take place on an ad hoc basis outside the framework of the Subcommittee. There was not, however, sufficient interest or overlapping responsibility to warrant the convening of the whole Subcommittee.

Although the Priority Deficiencies of Research and Collection are more than two years old, no updating has been accomplished because it is believed that substantially the same purpose is served currently by other statements of intelligence gaps and requirements levied on collection services.

The Subcommittee officers consider both the Priority National Intelligence Objectives (DCID 1/3) and the Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives (PNEIO's) useful guidance. No formal discussion on either, however, has taken place by the Subcommittee.

With regard to the role of the Subcommittee on Chemicals, it is believed that, despite its inactivity during the past year, this Subcommittee has a useful purpose. It has been a vehicle for acquainting the various personnel engaged in related intelligence with one another and thus has facilitated bilateral exchange and coordination of information on an informal basis. Moreover, the Subcommittee will continue as in the past to have value as a standby body for coordinating and dealing with matters of community-wide interest, such as proposed chemical and related exchanges of delegations between the US and Bloc countries.

2. Future Program of the Subcommittee

Because there is little duplication of responsibility among the government departments and agencies for chemical and related intelligence, it is believed that no useful purpose would be served by trying to

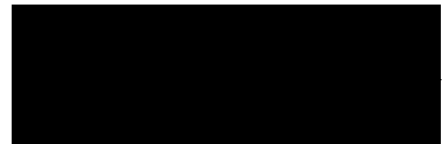
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enhance the role of this Subcommittee. It is recommended that it continue to be regarded primarily as a standby group to provide advice, assistance and coordination when needed.

It is tentatively planned to convene the Subcommittee in the early part of FY '65 in order to introduce the new members and review the research programs of the USIB agencies.

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Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals

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